



2027 Call for Abstracts

AAACN is pleased to announce the **2027 Call for Abstracts**. Abstracts that reflect innovative, evidence-based, or new practice information have the highest possibility for selection as a presentation at the conference.

As we prepare for 2027, we're excited to spotlight an important initiative shaping the next generation of inquiry in our specialty. AAACN has announced a set of key research priorities designed to drive innovation and strengthen the science of ambulatory care nursing through 2025-2030. These priorities were developed through a national survey of ambulatory care nurses and an extensive scoping review—ensuring they reflect the real needs and opportunities within our practice environments.

Research Priorities Highlighted

- Care coordination
- Medication management
- Telehealth
- Workforce development
- Ambulatory care nurse-sensitive indicators
- Informatics
- Person-centered care
- Patient wellness & prevention
- Specialty population health
- Leadership

These focus areas serve as a powerful foundation for new scholarship and practice-based solutions—making them a perfect guide as you develop and submit your abstracts. We invite you to review these priorities and consider how your work aligns with the future of ambulatory care nursing.

If you would like assistance with your submission please feel to make an appoint with our research consultation group: [Research Consultation Service Request Form](#)

Let's work together to advance the science, elevate our specialty, and champion the exceptional work happening across ambulatory care settings every day.



Submission guidelines: Please visit the AAACN Abstract Management System to register and submit your abstract for review at the following web address:
<https://smr.to/p108885>

Abstract is limited to 500 words, excluding the title. The abstract should contain a description of the project or subject matter as well as a learning outcome. If presenting a research/EBP project, please include the methodology, analysis, and results. All references to names and organizations within the body text should be removed that could identify the authors/investigators.

The Conference Program Planning Committee will be reviewing and evaluating each abstract for relevant content supported by evidence-based practice and/or guidelines, and quality of writing in expressing key ideas. Abstracts that promote products will not be considered.

Submission deadline: Oral and poster abstract submissions are open until **August 14, 2026, at 11:59 pm ET.**

Submission questions: Any abstract submission questions should be directed to the following:

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Types of presentation

Oral presentation (In-Person Annual Conference or Virtual Fall Conference)

- **Pre-conference session:** Workshop presentation of 3 hours that comprehensively focuses on a core skill important to ambulatory care nursing.
- **Concurrent session:** 45- to 60-minute formal presentation in a lecture-style format to an audience of 75+ participants.
- **Rapid-fire session:** 20-minute formal presentation, limited to 1 speaker, on an innovative or exciting topic. 3 rapid-fire topics will be grouped together in 1 breakout session.

In-person presentation is a requirement for annual conference oral presentation.

Poster presentation (In-Person Annual Conference): Poster presentation is comprised of onsite display and virtual display. **Poster presenters should be able to commit to BOTH the onsite and virtual requirements listed below for the poster display.** Virtual-only presentation is not offered as an option.

Onsite poster display: An assigned presentation space and 4-foot-high by 8-foot-wide cork display board will be provided. Format for the poster presentation should include a creative, visual presentation of the abstract content. Poster presenters must be present at their poster display during the dedicated poster presentation times to allow colleagues to ask questions. For the 2026 conference, all posters will be displayed at the same time. Exact times are subject to the final program and will be communicated to presenters. The presenter can be someone other than the primary author but should be a registered nurse qualified to discuss the topic content.

Virtual poster display: Virtual poster viewing is built into the conference schedule via the AAACN Conference Event Page:

- **On-demand poster viewing:** On-demand poster viewing is available to all registered attendees. Presenters provide an electronic file displayed in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format as a visual and a short video recording giving an overview of poster content as a complementary component of their poster display. All registered attendees may review these poster files and poster video recordings as part of their registration access.
- **Live virtual poster sessions:** Live virtual poster sessions are designed specifically for virtual livestreamed attendees to view poster recordings and participate in a text box Q&A chat with invited presenters for contact hour credit.

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Level of presentation: Presentation level is important to the planning process to assure that all learning content levels are represented in the overall program. Using Benner's *From Novice to Expert* theory, AACN has adapted it into three (3) content levels:

- **Advanced beginner:** Primary focus is on the individual patient and family. Uses decision trees, algorithms, protocols, and evidence-based practice guidelines. Principles, based on experiences, begin to be formulated to guide actions.
- **Proficient:** More holistic understanding improves decision-making. Able to critically think based on experiences. Advocates for patient and family.
- **Expert:** Has intuitive grasp of clinical situation. Performance is fluid, flexible, and highly proficient. Incorporates evidence-based resources and nursing research into daily plan of care.

Conference tracks: Please select the hot topic(s) from the list that best suits your submission. This is to assist with the review process and the creation of the conference program itself.

1. Artificial Intelligence, Technology, & Informatics

- Artificial intelligence in nursing (foundational & advanced)
- Practical AI applications in ambulatory care (replicable use cases)
- AI for staffing optimization & workload redistribution
- AI-supported documentation (message management, EHR automation)
- AI in quality improvement & research projects
- Technology advancements impacting nursing practice
- EHR optimization, reporting, dashboards, & data analytics
- Remote monitoring, virtual health tools, & digital workflows
- Technology evaluation & decision-making in ambulatory care settings

2. Telehealth & Virtual Care (New Focus)

- Virtual health expansion in ambulatory care
- Telehealth & telephone triage (with a new reimbursement lens)
- Medicare/Medicaid coverage & payment models for virtual care
- Telehealth integration with AI, automation, & remote monitoring

3. Value-Based Care, Reimbursement, & Finance

- Shifting to value-based care
- Nurse reimbursement & unbundling nurse-delivered services
- Nurse workload reimbursement models
- Nurse visit billing, coding, & nurse-led services
- RN-led care billing & documentation strategies
- Automated coding, encounter capture, & financial optimization
- Compensation package design in periods of inflation
- Medicare-directed payments & quality incentives
- Federal funding changes (Medicare/Medicaid, grants, cost-benefit analysis)

4. Ambulatory Care Practice & Innovation

- Innovation in care delivery models
- Capturing ambulatory care nursing workload & outcomes
- Ambulatory care simulation (health literacy, SDOH, communication)
- RN preparation for emerging ambulatory care roles
- Chronic disease management & transition care (CMS guidelines)
- EMR reporting to support evidence-based ambulatory care practice
- Vizient benchmarks & performance comparison
- Expansion beyond primary care into specialty clinics

5. Workforce, Recruitment, Retention, & Well-Being

- Recruiting & retaining staff in ambulatory care
- Combatting nurse burnout & turnover (actionable programs)
- Workforce engagement, education, & training
- Scheduling optimization & staffing models
- Workplace violence prevention
- Well-being, wellness, & resilience programs
- Incorporating well-being & respite spaces into the work environment

6. Leadership, Management, & Professional Development

- Leadership development in ambulatory care nursing
- Generational nurse management practices
- Ambulatory care nurse leadership strategies
- Advocacy, mentorship, & pipeline development
- Content tailored for direct care nurses (not leadership-only)

7. Scope of Practice, Role Optimization, & Regulation

- Scope of practice challenges across states
- Role clarity & optimization (RN, LPN/LVN, MA)
- Delegation, top-of-license practice, & protocol-driven care
- National provider identifier (NPI) standards & nurse impact
- Regulatory & compliance updates
- Legislative changes affecting ambulatory care nursing (town hall-style sessions)

8. Quality Improvement, Research, & Outcomes

- Conducting publishable research & QI projects
- QI frameworks with end results in mind
- Nurse-sensitive indicators (NSIs)
- Linking documentation, quality metrics, & financial outcomes
- Using data to demonstrate nursing value

9. Social Drivers, Population Health, & Community Impact

- Social drivers of health (SDOH)
- Community partnerships addressing SDOH
- Health literacy initiatives
- Impacts of social media on patient expectations of care

10. Specialty & Population-Specific Care

- Specialty-focused ambulatory care practice sessions (ENT, OB, surgery, allergy, dermatology, ortho, urology, oncology)
- Pediatric, adolescent, behavioral, & mental health care
- Specialty clinic-specific workflows & innovations
- Population-focused ambulatory care strategies

Participants: Ambulatory care and telehealth nurses, managers, supervisors, administrators, directors, staff nurses, care coordinators, educators, consultants, advanced practice nurses, and researchers who practice in health care settings such as hospital-based outpatient clinics/centers, military and VA settings, managed care/HMOs/PPOs, solo/group medical practices, colleges/educational institutions, telehealth call centers, university hospitals, community hospitals, patient homes, and free-standing facilities.

Authorship of abstracts: The primary author/investigator submits the abstracts with full consent of all co-authors/investigators. Up to 3 authors/presenters may be included on the abstract submission. The primary author will be the contact person for all future correspondence. Although a nurse should be one of the authors/investigators, interprofessional abstracts are welcome (e.g., physician, pharmacist, social work, etc.). Licensed practice nurses (LPNs) or licensed vocational nurses (LVNs), or medical assistants submitting an abstract for consideration must submit with a registered nurse included as one of the authors and presenters (if selected). AACN members and non-members are invited to submit abstracts. Encore presentations may be submitted for consideration. Abstracts selected for presentation must have a presenter who is able to present on any day of the conference.

Abstract submission: Abstracts must be submitted via the abstract management system by the requested deadline.

Abstract submission form

Abstract information (required)

Submission form

Abstract submission type: Please indicate which type of presentation you wish to have your abstract considered (choose all that apply): Oral abstract (in-person annual conference), poster abstract (in-person annual conference), or oral abstract (virtual fall conference).



Title of contribution: Use key words which describe the specific topic and content of the abstract.

Abstract (*limited to 500 words*): Summarize content into a brief, well-organized and engaging paragraph. Abstract text should contain evidence-based guidelines, best available evidence, and/or nursing research to add meaningful and supportive data. The Conference Program Planning Committee needs to clearly understand and visualize a 360-degree view of the proposed session. Strive to use the majority of the allotted character limitations. Please note that any learning outcomes, objectives, and references included in the abstract paragraph will contribute to total character limit.

Content outline structure

- Option 1: Evidence-based practice: 1) Purpose, 2) Description, 3) Evaluation/Outcome, 4) References

OR

- Option 2: Research: 1) Purpose, 2) Background/Significance, 3) Method(s), 4) Result(s), 5) Conclusions/Implications, 6) References

Topics: Please select the topic(s) from the list that best suit your submission. This information is used to assign reviewers during the review process and to develop the conference program.

References: Please list up to 3 evidence-based references used for developing the content of the abstract. Ideally references are from within the past 7 years unless it is a seminal work.

Keywords: Please enter up to 5 key words for your contribution.

Student contribution: Please indicate whether this was solely written by students.

Online library: Please check to indicate that if selected, I/we consent to the recording (audio) and posting of my/our session in the AAACN Online Library.

Level of presentation Please indicate the level of this presentation: advanced beginner, expert, or proficient.

Committee/SIG content affiliation: Please indicate any abstract content affiliation with an AAACN committee, special interest group, or task force.

AAACN grant funding: Please indicate if you are the recipient of a grant from AAACN and if applicable, which year it was awarded.

Submitting author/lead presenter information (required)

Author biographical information

Title: Indicate your preferred salutation.

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Short bio: Speaker biographical information should reflect current (main) position/title, company or institution name, and city/state/country; number of years in health care and roles/settings that pertain to session topic; degrees and/or current certifications that pertain to session topic; listings of honors/publications/recognitions that pertain to session topic and give credibility to speaking on topic; and offices held or committees/volunteer positions within AAACN.

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Submission Confirmation

Electronic signature and date: Type your name and date to complete the submission of the information.

Review and selection process: A needs assessment is completed by the Conference Program Planning Committee. The need assessment development is a systematic process of gathering data to help identify a professional practice gap in knowledge, skill, or nursing practice and drives the abstract selection process. A blind review of the abstracts is completed by the Conference Program Planning Committee and designated reviewers. Abstracts are evaluated for the completion of requested information and adherence to all instructions. If an abstract does not meet stated criteria, it will not be reviewed.

Acceptance: Notice of the review outcome for oral abstracts will be sent by mid-November. An abstract which is not selected for presentation may have contained unclear concepts, content not supported by evidence, and/or simply may not have met the Conference Program Planning Committee's needs assessment.

Presentation of abstract at annual in-person conference

- Selected oral abstract presentations will receive an honorarium commensurate with the length of time for their presentation which will be confirmed at the time of acceptance.
- Poster presenters should be registered to attend the full conference.
- Presenters are responsible for all expenses incurred for their presentation including, but not limited to, the poster itself. Virtual-only presentation is not offered as an option.

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